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25X1X   1. **General**. Sovromtransport began its activities in Rumania with the expropriation of two large enterprises:

  a. **Intercontinentala**. This company was, before the Second World War, the representative in Rumania of the British Lab Company. During the war the Germans took possession of Intercontinentala; after the war the Soviets considered it as a German enterprise and transferred it to Sovromtransport.

  b. **Bicontrans**. This company was created after the Second World War by the amalgamation of all existing transport companies except Trans-Romana.

  Because of these expropriations Sovromtransport emerged as substantially in control of Rumanian imports and exports, though it is not clear from source whether the expropriations took place before, or at the time of, the nationalization of all import and export activities in Rumania, 29 June, 1949.

2. After 29 June, 1949, the following procedures concerning international trade were established:

  a. All payments for imported goods were to include payment for their transportation to Rumania.

  b. A special clearing arrangement was effected to cover the use of railroads of various countries within the Eastern Bloc.

  c. Unofficial agreements were set up with two foreign companies:
     (1) The firm Maugili in Italy
     (2) A French company in Cologne.

3. **Import and Export**

  a. For 1951 the export of wheat, medical herbs and fruit pulp is scheduled. Exports are necessary to provide credit for the importation of machinery.

  b. Sugar production in 1950 was 120,000 tons, of which 50,000 was for export.

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